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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY: RON NESSEN;
PETER RODMAN AND DAVID GOMPERT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER;
ED SAVAGE.

PRESIDENT' FAR EAST TRIP - VI (TAKE TWO OF THREE)

REPORTING FROM PEKING, GERD RUGE MAINTAINED SATURDAY IN
RIGHT-CENTER DIE WELT OF HAMBURG THAT FROM THE CHINESE POINT
OF VIEW, THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE FAR EAST IS "BOUND TO
COST HIM MORE THAN HE WILL RECEIVE." RUGE SAID THERE WERE
ILL FEELINGS IN PEKING THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS "ROAMING
ABOUT CHINA'S BACK DOOR WIHOUT KNOCKING AT IT." HE SAID MR.
FORD MIGHT HOPE TO WIN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR STABLIZING THE
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT MOSCOW WAS NOT INTERESTED
IN SETTLING THAT CONFLICT. RATHER, HE ARGUED, THE USSR
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COUNTRIES BY INTENSIFIED ARMS DELIVERIES AND PROPAGANDA."

HE SAID FURTHER THAT IN THE CHINESE VIEW, PROSPECTS FOR CONCLUDING A TRUST WORTHY SALT AGREEMENT WERE POOR, AND THAT EVEN IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WERE ACHIEVED, THE ARMS RACE WOULD CONTINUE. THUS, HE SAID, SOME PEOPLE IN PEKING ARE ASKING WHETHER THE AMERICANS "REALLY COULD BE SO ABSENT-MINDED AS TO FEED THE (SOVIET) TIGER" BY CONTRIBUTING TO FINANCING SUCH PROJECTS AS BUILDING AN OIL PIPELINE THROUGH SIBERIA TO VLADIVOSTOK.

PARIS: WEENEND PAPERS GAVE EXTENSIVE REPORTS AND INTERPRETIVE DISCUSSION TO VLADIVOSTOK. THEY EXPECTED THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS TO BE SALT, THE MIDDLE EAST, COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND CHINA.

JACQUES JACQUET-FRANCILLON REPORTED IN FIGARO THAT "THIS MEETING MAY BE SIMPLY A GET-ACQUAINTED SESSION, ALLOWING BREZHNEV TO EVALUATE HIS NEW PARTNER AND DECIDE IF GERALD FORD IS THE KIND OF MAN WITH WHOM ONE CAN MAKE A DEAL." HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED, "WHILE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN HIS FIRST INTENTION WHEN HE SENT HIS INVITATION, THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING HAS NOW TAKEN ON LARGER DIMENSIONS." HE ASKED, "WITH THE SUDDEN RISING TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WILL BREZHNEV BE TEMPTED TO PUT PRESSURE ON MR. FORD TO FORCE THE ISRAELIS TO COME TO THE GENEVA CONVERENCE TABLE WHERE MR. ARAFAT WILL OCCUPY A CHAIR TO WHICH HE IS NOW ENTITLED? THE GAME LOOKS DIFFICULT FOR A NEOPHYTE IN DIPLOMACY SUCH AS GERALD FORD. BUT KISSINGER HAS PREPARED HIM CAREFULLY." HIS TRIP TO THE FAR EAST WAS GOOD FOR HIM. EVERYTHING WENT MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED, BOTH IN SOUTH KOREA AND IN JAPAN.

THE PAPER CARRIED A RESUME BY MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS DESCRIBING THE SOVIET LEADERS AS "EXTREMELY CAREFUL SINCE THEY WERE STRUCK BY RICHARD NIXON'S DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CONGRESS, TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY WONDER WHO REALLY RULES THE U.S."

MICHEL TATU WROTE IN LE MONDE THAT "A LITTLE LESS THAN THREE YEARS AFTER THE OPENING OF THE WASHINGTON-MOSCOW DIALOGUE, ITS INITIATORS ARE RUNNING INTO THE DIFFICULTIES AND RISKS OF STAGNATION, WHICH ALL WESTERN STATESMEN TEMPTED BY DETENTE WITH THE AST, FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE TO WILLY BRANDT, HAVE KNOWN BEFORE THEM."

RICHARD LISCIA WROTE SATURDAY IN INDEPENDENT-LEFT QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS THAT AT VLADIVOSTOK "BREZHNEV AND FORD WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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TRY TO CLEAR UP THE MIDDLE EAST IMBROGLIO TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT....THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AND PEACE IN THAT REGION MAY DEPEND ON THE RESULT OF THESE TALKS. IN FACT, ONE CAN HARDLY SEE HOW MR. KISSINGER, WHO HAD TO FACE ADVERSITY LAST SUMMER WHILE MR. NIXON WAS RESIGNING, WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THE MIDDLE EAST TO HIMSELF WITHOUT GIVING A PIECE TO MR. BREZHNEV....IF THE ISRAELIS WISH TO ESCAPE THE PLAN SET FORTH BY MOSCOW AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES, IT WILL

BE NECESSARY FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PRESTIDIGITATOR TO PULL ANOTHER RABBIT FROM HIS HAT."

TOKYO: THE JPS NEWS SERVICE CITED COMMUNIST ORGAN AKAHATA AS SAYING SATURDAY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE (U.S.-ROK) JOINT COMMUNIQUE ARE ATTEMPTS TO FIX THE SEPARATION OF THE "TWO KOREAS," WHILE RECONFIRMING THE MILITARY COMMITMENT GIVEN TO THE "REPUBLIC OF KOREA" BY THE U.S.

THE NEWS SERVICE ALSO CARRIED A STATEMENT ON THE COMMUNIQUE BY A JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKESMAN ON FRIDAY. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE U.S.-"ROK" JOINT COMMUNIQUE HAS CLEARLY PROVED THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS, "WHILE STUBBORNLY STICKING TO ITS BASIC POLICY OF CONTINUING TO HAVE U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA, THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA..."

A COMMENTATOR FOR PUBLICLY FINANCED NHK TELEVISION STATED FRIDAY THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE AGREED BASICALLY WITH THE U.S. ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN, ADDING, "THE ENERGY AGREEMENT IS NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN BECAUSE IT WILL HAVE A GREAT EFFECT ON OTHER WESTERN NATIONS." HE CONTENDED THAT "THERE ARE MOVES IN EUROPE TO BUILD A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE U.S. ENERGY PLAN AND THE FRENCH PLAN WHICH CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS AS WELL AS THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES."

THE MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE PRO-U.S. JAPAN TIMES MAINTAINED FRIDAY THAT "THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT TALKS THIS TIME DID NOT PRODUCE A UNITY IN POLICY BUT ONLY AN AGREEMENT TO EXPLORE JOINT APPROACHES TOGETHER." HOWEVER, IT ADDED, "MR. FORD'S VISIT DID BRING OUT A SECURE BASIS OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND GOODWILL THAT HAVE BEEN THERE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, UNAFFECTED BY OCCASIONAL CHANGES IN LEADERS AND POLICY DISAGREEMENTS."

COMMUNIST AKAHATA, CITED ABOVE, ASSERTED THURSDAY THAT THE FORD-TANAKA TALKS "DID NOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING CONCRETE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SATISFY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WHO ARE BECOMING MORE CRITICAL AND SUSPICIOUS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS INTO THEIR COUNTRY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE TALKS HAVE RESULTED IN SHOWING A DEFIANT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PEOPLE BY DECLARING THAT EVERYTHING IS BASED ON THE SECURITY TREATY. THESE FACTS SHOW THAT A MAIN SUBJECT AT THE TALKS WAS HOW TO MAINTAIN AND REINFORCE THE JAPAN-U.S. NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR MILITARY ALLIANCE."

SEOUL: THE HAPTONG NEWS SERVICE CITED THE ROKG AS SAYING SATURDAY THAT THE FORD STATE VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA "WAS OF GREAT SUCCESS AND SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE COMMON EFFORTS OF BOTH NATIONS TO PRESERVE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA."
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